(ग) से (च) प्रश्न नहीं, उठते । क्योंकि उक्त बोर्ड का गठन 7 अक्तूबर, 1991 को हुआ था, और अभी इसका पुनर्गठन किया जाना है।

Casual announcers in Doordarshan/AIR

111. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many casual announcers belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have been engaged by Doordarshan/All India Radio during the last three years, year wise;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Casual bookings are local arrangements made by radio stations/Doordarshan kendras to meet programme commitments, and are resorted to only in emergent situations as standby arrangement as and when regular announcers are not available to perform their duties. No centralised statistics in this regard are maintained in a compiled form.

National Energy Conservation Authority

112. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Energy Conservation Authority;

(b) if so, the purpose of setting up such an Authority;

(c) by when this Authority is likely to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to set up a National Energy Conservation Authority.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the answer to (a) and (b) above.

State Electricity Boards

113. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to allow sick State Electricity Boards to function on lease basis, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ENRON-US based Power Company is being considered to take over sick State Electricity Boards, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the sick SEBs would be entrusted to BIFR or any other Government Company and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rural Electrification

114. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance provided for rural electrification during 1993-94 and 1994-95 upto December, 1994, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages electrified under Rural Electrification Programme during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time-bound scheme/programme for electrification of all villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) State-wise details of the financial assistance provided by Rural Electrification Corporation for rural electrification work during 1993-94 and 1994-95 upto December, 1994 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) State-wise details of number of villages electrified during the last three years under rural electrification programme is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Rural Electrification is a continuing process. The targets for Rural Electrification Programme are fixed by the Planning Commission on an Annual basis in consultation with State Electricity Boards, keeping in view the overall availability of resources and the proposals received from the State Electricity Boards concerned.

Statement-I

State-wise Financial Assistance provide for Rural Electrtfication by REC durtng 1993-94 *and* 1994-95 (*upto December*, 1994)

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	States	Financial assistance provided duringe 1993-94		1994-95	
		Allocation	Disbursement	Allocation (Upto Dec. 1994)	Disbursement
1	Andhra Pradesh	49.00	104.93	73.73	59.75
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5.25	5.25	5.50	9.00
3	Bihar	9.25	2.89	4.75	0.23
4	Gujarat	34.00	36.58	43.82	17.80
5	Haryana	13.50	18.25	14.16	7.74
6	Himachal Pradesh	3.50	4.81	6.00	2.00
7	Jammu & Kashmir	4.50	4.04	4.00	6.14
8	Karnataka	19.00	35.12	15.00	24.00
9	Kerala	7.00	14 31	8 00	10 01
10	Madhya Pradesh	54 00	122.21	53 00	47 51
11	Maharashtra	46.50	56.47	62·54	43·80
12	Manipur	11.75	9.43	10.40	..
13	Meghalaya	6.00	2.10	6.25	.
14	Mizoram	9.50	12.27	7.70	3.04

1	2	3			4
15	Nagaland	1·50	2.12	1.50	—
16	Orissa	30.00	23.63	25.00	5.00
17	Punjab	11.00	15.92	14.00	5·02
18	Rajasthan	61.00	72.21	64.93	9.50
19	Sikkim	2·00	3·17	1·00	..
20	Tamil Nadu	40·00	49·52	52·82	31.14
21	Tripura	10·75	7·93	11·25	·79
22	Uttar Pradesh	75·00	71·29	108·00	50.00
23	West Bengal	18·50	17·53	21·00	2.58
24	Delhi	0.00	0.00	1.00	..
25	Assam	7.25	0.00	7.25	..
26	Goa	0.25	0.00	0.25	..
27	MMH/RE Coop. OECF	7.00	**	82.00	1.20
	TOTAL	600.00	691.98	704.85	336.25

**Disbursement included in States.

Statement-II

Villages electrtfied in the country in the last three years VIZ.* 1991-92, 1992-93 *and* 1993-94 *under Rural Electrification Programme*

S. No.	States	Villages electrified during		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1	Arunachal Pradesh	130	134	80
2	Assam	120	17	14
3	Bihar	517	258	205
4	Jammu & Kashmir	17	5	6
5	Madhya Pradesh	1856	605	751
6	Manipur	150	60	85
7	Meghalaya	44	69	23
8	Mizoram	60	50	50
9	Orissa	1011	200	226
10	Rajasthan	754	689	711

1	2	3	4	
11	Tamil Nadu	7	..	..
12	Tripura	200	200	200
13	Uttar Pradesh	744	947	650
14	West Bengal	436	436	351
	TOTAL : (States)	6046	3669	3352

*Including State Plan.

Brain drain in NTPC

115. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has been losing its best and most experienced hands and is in the grip of brain-drain;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the NTPC employees (including Directors and General Managers) who have since left the Corporation and those likely to leave their jobs;

(c) what are the reasons for discontentment among the NTPC employees forcing them to leave the Corporation; and

(d) what measures are contemplated by Government to check the brain-drain trend in the NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) There has been no brain-drain from the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). An analysis of resignation over the years reveals that there is no significant increase in the resignation profile in the current year. During 1994-95 (till January, 1995), two Directors and two Executive Directors (who are below the Board level) have left the organisation. In all, 105 Executives left NTPC during this period. It is not possible to indicate the number of Executives who are likely to leave their jobs.

(c) There is no discontentment among the NTPC employees.

(d) Does not arise.

New Power Projects

116. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the actual status of progress of the so called 'fast track power projects for which concessions like Government of India Counter guarantee on payment obligations and minimum of 16 percent assured rate of return on investments were granted and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government consider the progress satisfactory; and

(c) if not, what corrective measures are being contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The Government of India has so far signed counter guarantee docu-